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To establish a pilot program to provide grants to encourage eligible institutions of higher education to establish and operate pregnant and parenting student services offices for pregnant students, parenting students, prospective parenting students who are anticipating a birth or adoption, and students who are placing or have placed a child for adoption.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 19, 2007

Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Elizabeth Cady Stan-
3 ton Pregnant and Parenting Student Services Act of
4 2007”.

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act:

7 (1) **ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDU-**
8 **CATION.**—The term “eligible institution of higher
9 education” means an institution of higher education
10 (as such term is defined in section 101 of the High-
11 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)) that
12 has established and operates, or agrees to establish
13 and operate upon the receipt of a grant under this
14 Act, a pregnant and parenting student services office
15 described in section 6.

16 (2) **PARENT; PARENTING.**—The terms “parent”
17 and “parenting” refer to a parent or legal guardian
18 of a minor.

19 (3) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means
20 the Secretary of Education.

21 **SEC. 3. PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENT SERVICES**
22 **PILOT PROGRAM.**

23 From amounts appropriated under section 8 for a fis-
24 cal year, the Secretary shall establish a pilot program to
25 award grants to eligible institutions of higher education
26 to enable the eligible institutions to establish (or maintain)

1 and operate pregnant and parenting student services of-
2 fices in accordance with section 6.

3 **SEC. 4. APPLICATION; NUMBER OF GRANTS.**

4 (a) APPLICATION.—An eligible institution of higher
5 education that desires to receive a grant under this Act
6 shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time,
7 in such manner, and containing such information as the
8 Secretary may require.

9 (b) REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—
10 The Secretary may require an eligible institution submit-
11 ting an application under subsection (a) to provide addi-
12 tional information if the Secretary determines such infor-
13 mation is necessary to process the application.

14 (c) NUMBER OF GRANTS.—The Secretary shall
15 award grants under this Act to not more than 200 eligible
16 institutions of higher education.

17 **SEC. 5. MATCHING REQUIREMENT.**

18 An eligible institution of higher education that re-
19 ceives a grant under this Act shall contribute to the con-
20 duct of the pregnant and parenting student services office
21 supported by the grant an amount from non-Federal funds
22 equal to the amount of the grant. The non-Federal share
23 may be in cash or in kind, fairly evaluated, including serv-
24 ices, facilities, supplies, or equipment.

1 **SEC. 6. USE OF FUNDS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—An eligible institution of higher
3 education that receives a grant under this Act shall use
4 grant funds to establish (or maintain) and operate a preg-
5 nant and parenting student services office, located on the
6 campus of the eligible institution, that carries out the fol-
7 lowing programs and activities:

8 (1) Hosts an initial pregnancy and parenting
9 resource forum—

10 (A) to assess pregnancy and parenting re-
11 sources, located on the campus or within the
12 local community, that are available to meet the
13 needs described in paragraph (2); and

14 (B) to set goals for—

15 (i) improving such resources for preg-
16 nant, parenting, and prospective parenting
17 students; and

18 (ii) improving access to such re-
19 sources.

20 (2) Annually assesses the performance of the el-
21 igible institution and the office in meeting the fol-
22 lowing needs of students enrolled in the eligible in-
23 stitution who are pregnant or are parents:

24 (A) The inclusion of maternity coverage
25 and the availability of riders for additional fam-
26 ily members in student health care.

1 (B) Family housing.

2 (C) Child care.

3 (D) Flexible or alternative academic sched-
4 uling, such as telecommuting programs.

5 (E) Education to improve parenting skills
6 for mothers and fathers.

7 (F) Resources to assist parents and pro-
8 spective parents in meeting the material needs
9 of their children.

10 (G) Post-partum counseling and support
11 groups.

12 (3) Identifies public and private service pro-
13 viders, located on the campus of the eligible institu-
14 tion or within the local community, that are quali-
15 fied to meet the needs described in paragraph (2),
16 and establishes programs with qualified providers to
17 meet such needs.

18 (4) Assists pregnant and parenting students
19 and their spouses in locating and obtaining services
20 that meet the needs described in paragraph (2).

21 (5) If appropriate, provides referrals for pre-
22 natal care and delivery, infant or foster care, or
23 adoption, to a student who requests such informa-
24 tion. An office shall make such referrals only to

1 service providers that primarily serve the following
2 types of individuals:

3 (A) Parents.

4 (B) Prospective parents awaiting adoption.

5 (C) Women who are pregnant and plan on
6 parenting or placing the child for adoption.

7 (D) Parenting or prospective parenting
8 couples who are married or who plan on
9 marrying in order to provide a supportive envi-
10 ronment for each other and their child.

11 (b) EXPANDED SERVICES.—In carrying out the pro-
12 grams and activities described in subsection (a), an eligible
13 institution of higher education receiving a grant under this
14 Act may choose to provide access to such programs and
15 activities to a pregnant or parenting employee of the eligi-
16 ble institution, and the employee’s spouse.

17 **SEC. 7. REPORTING.**

18 (a) ANNUAL REPORT BY INSTITUTIONS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year that an
20 eligible institution of higher education receives a
21 grant under this Act, the eligible institution shall
22 prepare and submit to the Secretary, by the date de-
23 termined by the Secretary, a report that—

1 (A) itemizes the pregnant and parenting
 2 student services office's expenditures for the fis-
 3 cal year;

4 (B) contains a review and evaluation of the
 5 performance of the office in fulfilling the re-
 6 quirements of this Act, using the specific per-
 7 formance criteria or standards established
 8 under paragraph (2)(A); and

9 (C) describes the achievement of the office
 10 in meeting the needs listed in section 6(a)(2) of
 11 the students served by the eligible institution,
 12 and the frequency of use of the office by such
 13 students.

14 (2) PERFORMANCE CRITERIA.—Not later than
 15 180 days before the date the annual report described
 16 in paragraph (1) is submitted, the Secretary—

17 (A) shall identify the specific performance
 18 criteria or standards that shall be used to pre-
 19 pare the report; and

20 (B) may establish the form or format of
 21 the report.

22 (3) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—After review-
 23 ing an annual report of an eligible institution of
 24 higher education, the Secretary may require that the
 25 eligible institution provide additional information if

1 the Secretary determines that such additional infor-
2 mation is necessary to evaluate the pilot program.

3 (b) REPORT BY SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall
4 annually prepare and submit a report on the findings of
5 the pilot program under this Act, including the number
6 of eligible institutions of higher education that were
7 awarded grants and the number of students served by
8 each pregnant and parenting services office receiving
9 funds under this Act, to the appropriate committees of the
10 Senate and the House of Representatives.

11 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
13 this Act \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2008
14 through 2012.

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